of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of people afflicted with one form or other of visual impairment vary from 45 to 55 millions and the number of eye Specialists is not even a fifth of those required to treat them;

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to increase the number of eye specialists in the country;

(c) whether it is also a fact that number of eyes donated by dead persons was only 2600;

(d) what steps Government propose to take to spread the message of eye donations by impressing the people the "twice blessedness" of eye donations; and

(e) whether Government propose to enact a legislation for enabling the removal of eyes from unclaimed bodies in mortuaries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) A survey conducted by I.C.M.R. in 1971-73 estimated that 9 million persons were blind in the country and another 45 million were afflicted with one form or other of visual impairment. The number of Eye Specialists in the country are considered adequate for the existing requirements.

(b) Between 275 and 300 eye specialists are being trained in the country every year by nearly 100 Medical Training Institutions.

(c) As per information available 2617 eyes were collected from the bodies of dead persons during 1985.

(d) The Government through the mass media like Radio. Television, film shows and with the assistance of Voluntary Organisations are creating the awareness amongst people to donate their eyes after death. Printed literature, folders, posters, etc. have also been prepared for distribution.

(e) A Central Act has already been enacted for the Union Territory of Delhi. A copy of the Act has also been forwarded to the State Governments requesting them to consider enacting similar legislation in their States.

Legal Proceedings Initiated by Jawaharlal Nehru University

2563. SHRI SAGAR RAYKA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number and details of the cases in which legal proceedings were initiated during the year 1983-87 in Jawaharlal Nehru University; and

(b) the total expenditure, case-wise, incurred by the University so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) According to the information furnished by the Jawaharlal Nehru University, no legal proceedings were initiated against anyone by the University during the period 1983—87.

(b) Does not arise.

Bonus to RTP Staff

2564. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not paying bonus to Reserved Trained Pool staff of P&T department;

(b) the reasons for not granting "paid holiday" to RTP staff after seven working days; where as this principle is applicable to temporary daily wages staff; and

(c) whether RTP staff of the P&T department are governed by all the rules and regulations of the Department as applicable to the regular/casual employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Reserved Trained Pool Staff of the Departments of Posts